

To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapter 23
Handout 1

Name _____

Date _____ Hour _____

Plot Analysis: Climax *Group Activity*

The climax of the story is the place where everything that has been brewing reaches its boiling point. This is the point of no return. All of the conflicts come together in a trial of sorts, and what happens afterwards is just the tying up of loose ends. This activity reinforces the elements of the plot while asking you to support your personal opinion.

Directions: Pinpoint the climax of the story.

1. In your opinion, what is the climax of the novel?
2. Why do you think this?
3. Explain whether or not you anticipated this event.

In a small group, discuss each person's answers to the questions above. If anyone disagrees with your assessment, try to convince him or her that you are right. In the space below, explain whether or not you were able to persuade anyone to change his or her mind. If everyone chose the same moment as the climax of the novel, explain what it was like to have a discussion with like-minded peers.